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THIS IS SENSITIVE AND INVOLVES PROJECT ARTICHOKE.

CURRENTLY IN [REDACTED] COLLECTING MEDICINAL SEEDS AND DRIED PLANT SPECIMEN (TO WHICH HE ADDS THE FACT THAT THESE DEFINITELY DO NOT INCLUDE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WHICH ARE RESTRICTED IN BOTH EXPORT IN [REDACTED] AND IMPORT INTO THE UNITED STATES). HE PROPOSES TO BRING THESE SEEDS AND SPECIMENS INTO THE U. S. FROM [REDACTED] WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE WEEKS. WE ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN A PERMIT TO DO SO. WE ARE INFORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THAT THIS SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM US.

[REDACTED], SECTION ON PERMIT, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. THE AMOUNT INVOLVED IS PROBABLY ABOUT FIFTY POUNDS. [REDACTED] WOULD APPRECIATE VERY MUCH IF THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED SOONEST. CIA INTEREST MAY BE DISCREETLY DISCLOSED BUT WITHOUT CONNECTING ANY MORE DIRECTLY WITH CIA THAN NECESSARY.

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